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In Re the Application of:

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TREATING JOINT DISORDERS IN  
VERTEBRATES"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Although Applicants do not believe that any fees are due based upon the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 6, please delete the first paragraph and replace it with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09 341,000 filed June 28, 1999, which is a continuation from U.S. Patent No.